

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mask has a top, bottom and opposed sides, and the aperture of the mouth-piece is elliptical with a greatest dimension of the ellipse extending laterally toward the sides of the mask.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein the mouth-piece has an acoustic screen positioned in the aperture.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 11, wherein the screen is constituted by a metal lattice.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising a baffle fixedly joined to the flexible cap and positioned between the first microphone capsule and the exhalation port.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) Mask according to Claim 17, further comprising a first and second cables and ~~one of two~~ complementary connection pieces of a releasable connectors, each connected to a first ends of the first and second cables, wherein a respective second ends of the first and second cables is are directly connected to the first and second microphone capsules.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, further comprising plural catches fixedly joined to the flexible cap and mounted substantially perpendicularly to an external face of the flexible cap.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim 17, ~~further comprising a second microphone capsule and~~ wherein the first and second microphone capsules are mounted side by side on a base of the mouth-piece.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended) Oxygen breathing mask with a sound pick-up device, comprising:

- a flexible cap;

- an exhalation port pierced through the flexible cap;

- a housing on an inner surface of the flexible cap;

- a first and second microphone capsules positioned above the exhalation port;

- a conical tubular mouth-piece extending from a first distal end disposed adjacent the flexible cap to a second distal end projecting away from the flexible cap, the first and second microphone capsules mounted at said first distal end of the tubular mouthpiece with the first and second microphone capsules positioned between the flexible cap and the mouth-piece, said second distal end of said tubular mouth-piece disposed away from the first and second microphone capsules and defining an aperture turned away from said flexible cap; and

- an arm having first and second ends, wherein the first end is disposed within the housing, and the arm extends from the housing and supports at the second end the tubular mouth-piece at said first distal end adjacent the first and second microphone capsules.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said tubular mouth-piece has an opening at said distal end larger than an opening facing the microphone capsule.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said first and second microphone capsules are disposed in ~~further comprises~~ an acoustic chamber having a plurality of holes.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 19, wherein said acoustic chamber has a high-pass filtering capability with a cutoff frequency in the range of about 100 Hz.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein a height of said mouth-piece with respect to a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned in the mask is adjustable.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 21, wherein said height varies from about 10 to about 18 mm.

Claim 23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 17, wherein said aperture of said tubular mouth-piece is turned towards a center of a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned, said mouth-piece having a longitudinal axis passing substantially

through the center of said location, and said aperture defining a plane which is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

Claim 25 (Currently Amended) An oxygen breathing mask, comprising:

a flexible cap;

an exhalation port pierced through the flexible cap;

a housing disposed on an inner surface of the flexible cap, the housing being separate from the exhalation port;

a body mounted in the housing;

an arm having first and second ends and extending from the body;

a microphone assembly supported at the second end of the arm and comprising a conical tubular mouth-piece having first and second distal ends, an acoustic chamber connected at the second distal end of the mouth-piece and disposed adjacent the flexible cap, and at least two microphones disposed in the acoustic chamber, wherein the conical tubular mouth-piece extends from the first distal end connected to the acoustic chamber to the second distal end projecting away from the flexible cap ~~a conical tubular mouth-piece supported by the arm; and~~

~~a first microphone capsule mounted at an end of the mouth-piece between the flexible cap and the mouth-piece.~~

Claim 26 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 25, wherein the mask has a top, bottom and opposed sides, and the aperture of the mouth-piece is elliptical with a greatest dimension of the ellipse extending laterally toward the sides of the mask.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 25, wherein the mouth-piece has an acoustic screen positioned in the aperture.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 27, wherein the screen is constituted by a metal lattice.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim 25, further comprising a baffle fixedly joined to the flexible cap and positioned between the at least two first microphones ~~capsule~~ and the exhalation port.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended) Mask according to Claim 25, further comprising a first and second cables and ~~one of two~~ complementary connection pieces of a releasable connectors, each connected to a first ends of the first and second cables, wherein respective a second ends of the first and second cables ~~is~~ are directly connected to the at least two first microphones ~~capsule~~.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim ~~27~~ 25, further comprising plural catches fixedly joined to the flexible cap and mounted substantially perpendicularly to an external face of the flexible cap.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim ~~27~~ 25, ~~further comprising a second microphone capsule and~~ wherein the at least two first and second microphones ~~capsules~~ are mounted side by side on a base of the mouth-piece.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended) Mask according to claim 25, wherein ~~said microphone capsule further comprises an~~ the acoustic chamber ~~having~~ comprises a plurality of holes.

Claim 34 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 33, wherein said acoustic chamber has a high-pass filtering capability with a cutoff frequency in the range of about 100 Hz.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented) Mask according to claim 25, wherein a height of said mouth-piece with respect to a location at which a user's mouth is adapted to be positioned in the mask is adjustable.